

**U.S. Embassy Manila**  
**Warden Message**  
**October 15, 2010**

*THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IS TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY WARDEN SYSTEM AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS MESSAGE TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU.*

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Typhoon Megi/Juan Watch in Effect

This warden message is being issued to alert U.S. citizens in the Philippines that the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) has issued alerts for a typhoon/tropical cyclone system with the international name of Megi and the Philippine name of Juan. At 15:00 on October 15 this storm is located 1,300 kilometers east of southern Luzon and it is currently moving towards the northwest at 12 miles per hour with sustained winds of 65 mph.

PAGASA reports that Typhoon Megi is expected to reach the Philippines area of responsibility on Saturday, October 16. If the storm stays on the predicted track, it will make landfall in the Northern Luzon area on Monday, October 18. Typhoon Megi is forecasted to bring strong winds. For further details, see the PAGASA Tropical Cyclone Warning <http://www.pagasa.dost.gov.ph>

All U.S. citizens are strongly encouraged to monitor the tropical storm's track via local media reports, or by monitoring <http://metocph.nmci.navy.mil>, [www.typhoon2000.ph](http://www.typhoon2000.ph), or [www.pagasa.dost.gov.ph](http://www.pagasa.dost.gov.ph). Tropical storms/typhoons are unpredictable and can change their course and intensity. The level of intensity represents only wind strength, not amount of rainfall. Accurate predictions of rainfall for a given storm are difficult to make. U.S. citizens should stay informed of weather developments and follow the advice of local authorities.

Considering the damage caused by past typhoons and the projected landfall of this typhoon in Northern Luzon, please take the following precautionary measures to ensure minimal disruption or damage. You should also contact friends and family in the United States with updates on your whereabouts.

- Locate shelter and follow all official instructions.
- If local authorities recommend evacuation, please follow their instructions.
- Carry your travel documents at all times (i.e. U.S. passport, birth certificate, picture ID's, etc.) or secure them in a safe, waterproof location.
- secure loose outdoor items (limbs, roofing material, windows (coverings), doors, debris (trash), etc.).
- fill vehicle, generator fuel, and water tanks.

- check and charge radios.
- charge cell phones.
- have bottled water; make ice.
- gather flashlights, tools, and first aid supplies.
- have fresh batteries, candles, matches, water, groceries (canned and/or dry foods), and pet supplies.
- assure an adequate supply of first aid materials and prescription medications.
- stay home and let your family and office know how you plan to weather the storm, especially those family members in the United States.

In general, use prudent judgment to plan ahead for any surprises or hardships. Additional information is available at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov), [www.americanredcross.org](http://www.americanredcross.org), [www.redcross.org.ph](http://www.redcross.org.ph) or [www.ndcc.gov.ph](http://www.ndcc.gov.ph) for Emergency Preparedness Planning. Additional information on hurricanes and storm preparedness may be found on our “[Hurricane/Typhoon Season](#)” webpage and on the “[Natural Disasters](#)” page of the Bureau of Consular Affairs website. Updated information on travel in Philippines may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States and Canada, or from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 am to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

For any emergencies involving U.S. citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services Unit of the U.S. Embassy’s Consular Section, located at 1201 Roxas Boulevard, Ermita, Manila; telephone (02) 301-2000 extensions 2246 or 2567; after hours emergency telephone (02) 301-2000; ACS unit fax (02) 301-2017; e-mail [acsinfomanila@state.gov](mailto:acsinfomanila@state.gov). Please continue to monitor the Embassy’s website <http://manila.usembassy.gov/> for any updated information.

If the Embassy’s public phone number, 301-2000, is not operational, U.S. citizens who require emergency assistance may contact the American Citizens Services Unit through <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Manila-Philippines/US-Embassy-Manila-Philippines/157551009622> or through [acsinfomanila@state.gov](mailto:acsinfomanila@state.gov) or by calling the United States at the following numbers: 202-501-4444 (if calling from outside the United States or Canada) or 1-888-407-4747 (if calling from within the United States or Canada).

It is possible that the Embassy may close due to bad weather. If a typhoon occurs, visa applicants with appointments should verify that the Embassy is open for business before coming to the Embassy. If the Embassy is closed, we will contact visa applicants directly to reschedule their appointments. Applicants may also contact the Embassy’s Visa Call Center at 1-909-101-7878 to reschedule a visa interview date. The Call Center number is for subscribers of PLDT and Smart telephone touchtone landlines with national and international distance dialing features (NDD or IDD access). Callers in the United States may contact the Call Center at 1-888-877-9888. The Call Center is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Manila time). The call center charges callers a fee for using its services. Details are also available at <https://philippines.us-visaservices.com/Forms/default.aspx>.

In the event of an Embassy closure, Veterans’ Affairs personnel will call those people with appointments at the Veterans Clinic or Veterans Affairs Regional Office to reschedule their appointments. Contact information for Veterans Affairs is as follows: Clinic: 011-63-2-833-

4566 to 69, toll free number outside of Manila: 180018888782. Regional Office: 011-63-2-528-2500, toll free number outside of Manila: 180018885252.

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